

SUPERIOR COURT
State of Delaware

2022 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2021-2022 - Civil Case Filings				
	2021	2022	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,563	5,918	-645	-9.8%
Kent County	947	986	39	4.1%
Sussex County	898	978	80	8.9%
State	8,408	7,882	-526	-6.3%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2021-2022 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2021	2022	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,831	6,811	-20	-0.3%
Kent County	1,024	1,063	39	3.8%
Sussex County	876	1,037	161	18.4%
State	8,731	8,911	180	2.1%

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2022 - Civil Case Filings						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	2,812	47.5%	489	8.3%	85	1.4%
Kent County	344	34.9%	179	18.2%	21	2.1%
Sussex County	335	34.3%	181	18.5%	21	2.1%
State	3,491	44.3%	849	10.8%	127	1.6%
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	490	8.3%	2,042	34.5%	5,918	100%
Kent County	79	8.0%	363	36.8%	986	100%
Sussex County	81	8.3%	360	36.8%	978	100%
State	650	8.2%	2,765	35.1%	7,882	100%

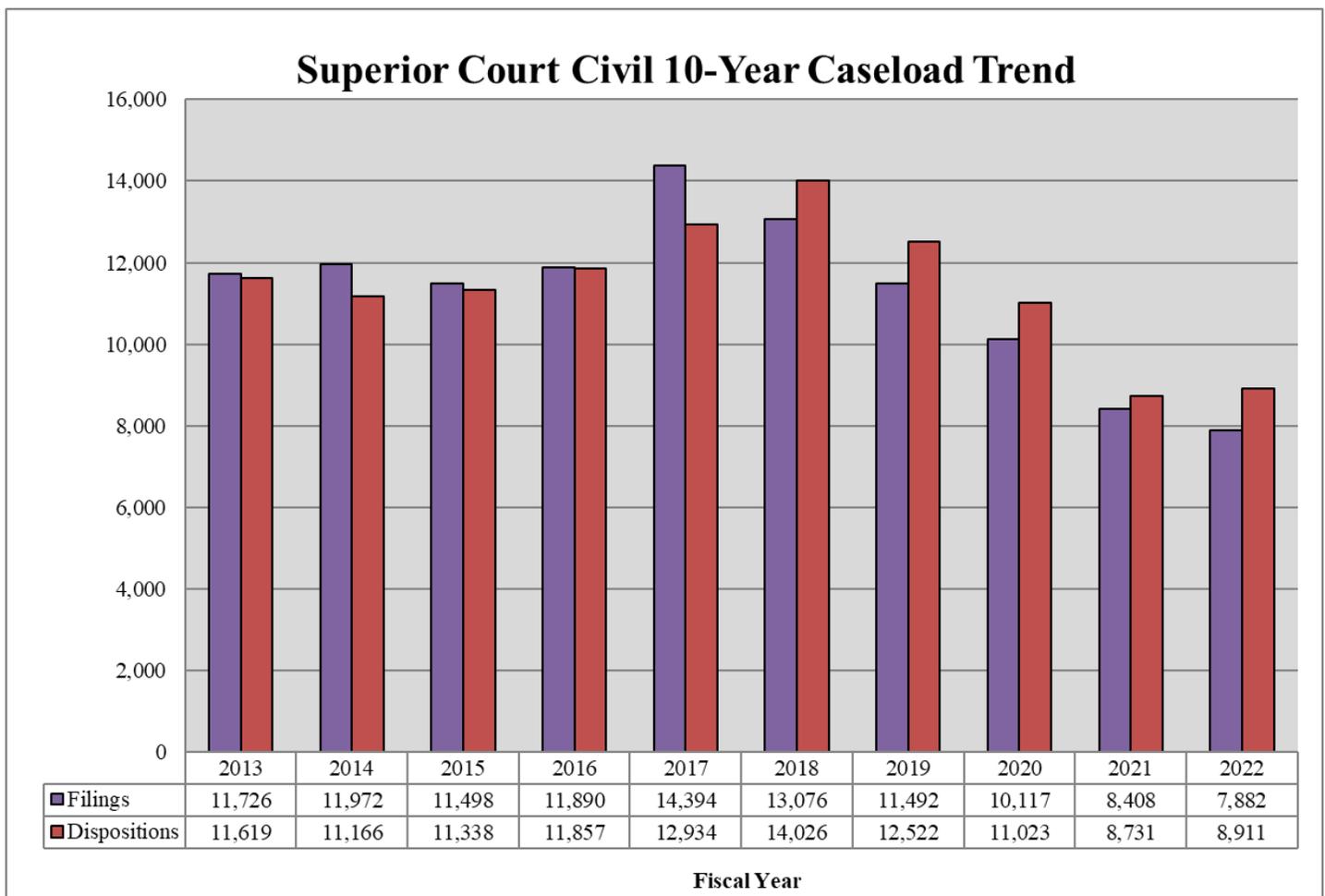
Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2022 - Civil Case Dispositions

	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	3,468	50.9%	551	8.1%	86	1.3%
Kent County	353	33.2%	197	18.5%	17	1.6%
Sussex County	379	36.5%	183	17.6%	21	2.0%
State	4,200	47.1%	931	10.4%	124	1.4%

	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	517	7.6%	2,189	32.1%	6,811	100%
Kent County	126	11.9%	370	34.8%	1,063	100%
Sussex County	79	7.6%	375	36.2%	1,037	100%
State	722	8.1%	2,934	32.9%	8,911	100%

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.



* Report incorporates additional data made available since publication of the FY 2015 Annual Report.

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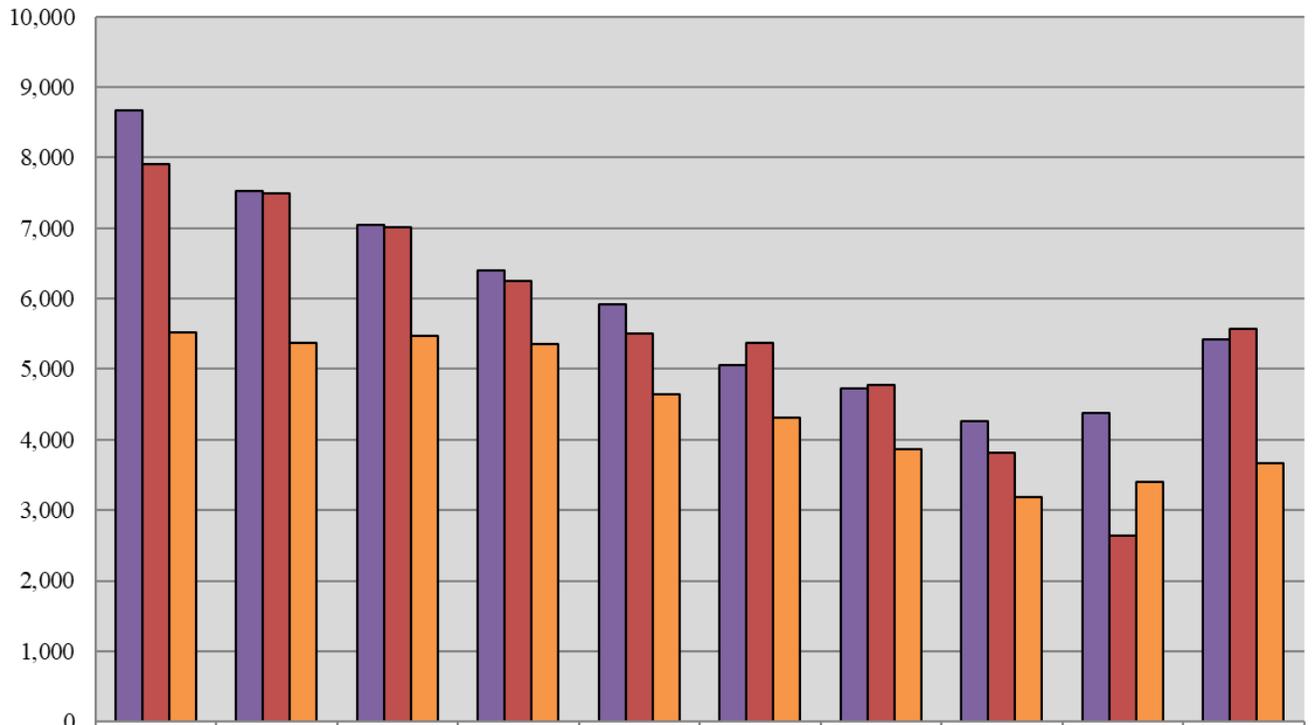
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2021-2022 - Criminal Case Filings				
	2021	2022	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,242	2,876	634	28.3%
Kent County	780	857	77	9.9%
Sussex County	1,363	1,694	331	24.3%
State	4,385	5,427	1,042	23.8%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2021-2022 - Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2021	2022	Change	% Change
New Castle County	1,048	2,601	1,553	148.2%
Kent County	383	1,203	820	214.1%
Sussex County	1,202	1,772	570	47.4%
State	2,633	5,576	2,943	111.8%

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Filings									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	1,991	69.2%	141	4.9%	728	25.3%	16	0.6%	2,876
Kent County	720	84.0%	16	1.9%	108	12.6%	13	1.5%	857
Sussex County	426	25.1%	240	14.2%	1,018	60.1%	10	0.6%	1,694
State	3,137	57.8%	397	7.3%	1,854	34.2%	39	0.7%	5,427

Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Filings	8,671	7,532	7,042	6,402	5,921	5,056	4,719	4,258	4,385	5,427
Dispositions	7,908	7,497	7,016	6,252	5,513	5,379	4,776	3,811	2,633	5,576
VOP Filings	5,520	5,378	5,465	5,358	4,639	4,307	3,865	3,179	3,402	3,673

Fiscal Year

VOP = Violation of Probation

Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Dispositions

	Trial		Guilty Plea**		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		Order/Reserved Decision	
New Castle County	90	3.5%	1,721	67.0%	743	28.9%	9	0.4%	0	0%
Kent County	26	2.2%	906	75.6%	242	20.2%	0	0%	0	0%
Sussex County	13	0.7%	1,433	81.0%	292	16.5%	3	0.2%	0	N/A
State	129	2.3%	4,060	73.3%	1,277	23.1%	12	0.2%	-	0%
	Dismissal		Drug Court		Consolidation		Total			
New Castle County	7	0.3%	-	0%	-	0%	2,570	100%		
Kent County	7	0.6%	16	1.3%	1	0.1%	1,198	100%		
Sussex County	10	0.6%	18	1.0%	-	0%	1,769	100%		
State	24	0.4%	34	0.6%	1	0.0%	5,537	100%		

*Includes appeals, reinstatements, guilty pleas withdrawn, granted motions for new trial and severances.

**Includes Probation Before Judgment & Guilty by Mentally Ill., FOP & RSP.

FOP = First Offender Program.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Trials - Part One

	Jury Trial		Non-Jury Trial		Total	
New Castle County	81	90.0%	9	10.0%	90	100%
Kent County	25	96.2%	1	3.8%	26	100%
Sussex County	10	76.9%	3	23.1%	13	100%
State	116	89.9%	13	10.1%	129	100%

	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total	
New Castle County	68	75.6%	18	20.0%	4	4.4%	90	100%
Kent County	23	88.5%	2	7.7%	1	3.8%	26	100%
Sussex County	6	46.2%	6	46.2%	1	7.7%	13	100%
State	97	75.2%	26	20.2%	6	4.7%	129	100%

*Includes Acquittals, Dismissals at Trial, and Nolle Prosequis at Trial.

**Includes Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Trials - Part Two

Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	53	5	16	2	1	0	4	81
Kent County	21	1	2	0	0	0	1	25
Sussex County	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	10
State	77	7	22	2	2	0	6	116

Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Reserved Decision	Total*
New Castle County	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	9
Kent County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sussex County	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
State	9	1	2	1	0	0	0	13

All Trials									
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Reserved Decision	Total
New Castle County	59	6	17	3	1	0	4	0	90
Kent County	22	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	26
Sussex County	5	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	13
State	86	8	24	3	2	0	6	0	129

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis									
	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		NPL		Total		
New Castle County	440	59.2%	260	35.0%	43	5.8%	743	100%	
Kent County	137	56.6%	105	43.4%	0	0%	242	100%	
Sussex County	10	3.4%	282	96.6%	0	0%	292	100%	
State	587	46.0%	647	50.7%	43	3.4%	1,277	100%	

NPL = Nolle Prosequi entered at time of Sentencing

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	1,012	90.0%	112	10.0%	1,124	100%
Kent County	467	82.5%	99	17.5%	566	100%
Sussex County	734	91.2%	71	8.8%	805	100%
State	2,213	88.7%	282	11.3%	2,495	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2022- Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	367	61.5%	230	38.5%	597	100%
Kent County	100	29.4%	240	70.6%	340	100%
Sussex County	260	41.4%	368	58.6%	628	100%
State	727	46.5%	838	53.5%	1,565	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	1,379	80.1%	342	19.9%	1,721	100%
Kent County	567	62.6%	339	37.4%	906	100%
Sussex County	994	69.4%	439	30.6%	1,433	100%
State	2,940	72.4%	1,120	27.6%	4,060	100%

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*Includes Probation Before Judgment, First Offender Program, Guilty by Mentally Ill & RSP.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court;

Administrative Office of the Courts.

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time

	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	2,570	433.2 days	295.8 days
Kent County	1,198	364.7 days	235.7 days
Sussex County	1,769	366.7 days	257.8 days
State	5,537	397.1 days	270.6 days

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2022 - Criminal Cases - Compliance with Speedy Trial Standards

	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Disposed of within 120 Days of Indictment (90%)		Disposed of within 180 Days of Indictment (98%)		Disposed of within 365 Days of Indictment (100%)	
New Castle County	2,570	1,003	39.0%	1,127	43.9%	1,951	75.9%
Kent County	1,198	271	22.6%	480	40.1%	936	78.1%
Sussex County	1,769	511	28.9%	746	42.2%	1,317	74.4%
State	5,537	1,785	32.2%	2,353	42.5%	4,204	75.9%

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Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2022

- The performance summary charts measure the average time from the date of arrest to the date of disposition as well as the average time from the date of indictment/information to the date of disposition.
- In measuring the elapsed time for defendants for the purpose of determining the rate of compliance with the speedy trial standards, the following are excluded by the Court:
 - For all capiases, the time between the date that the capias is issued and the date that it is executed.
 - For all Rule 9 summonses and Rule 9 warrants, the time between the arrest and the indictment/information, if any.
 - For all mental examinations, the time between the date that the examination is ordered and the date of the receipt of the results.
 - For all defendants deemed to be incompetent, the period in which the defendant is considered incompetent.

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Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2021-2022 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Arrest to Disposition

	2021 (in days)	2022 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	369.3	433.2	63.9	17.3%
Kent County	303.3	364.7	61.4	20.3%
Sussex County	294.3	366.7	72.3	24.6%
State	325.4	397.1	71.7	22.0%

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2021-2022 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Indictment to Disposition

	2021 (in days)	2022 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	237.1	295.8	58.7	24.7%
Kent County	195.9	235.7	39.8	20.3%
Sussex County	221.0	257.8	36.8	16.6%
State	223.7	270.6	46.9	21.0%

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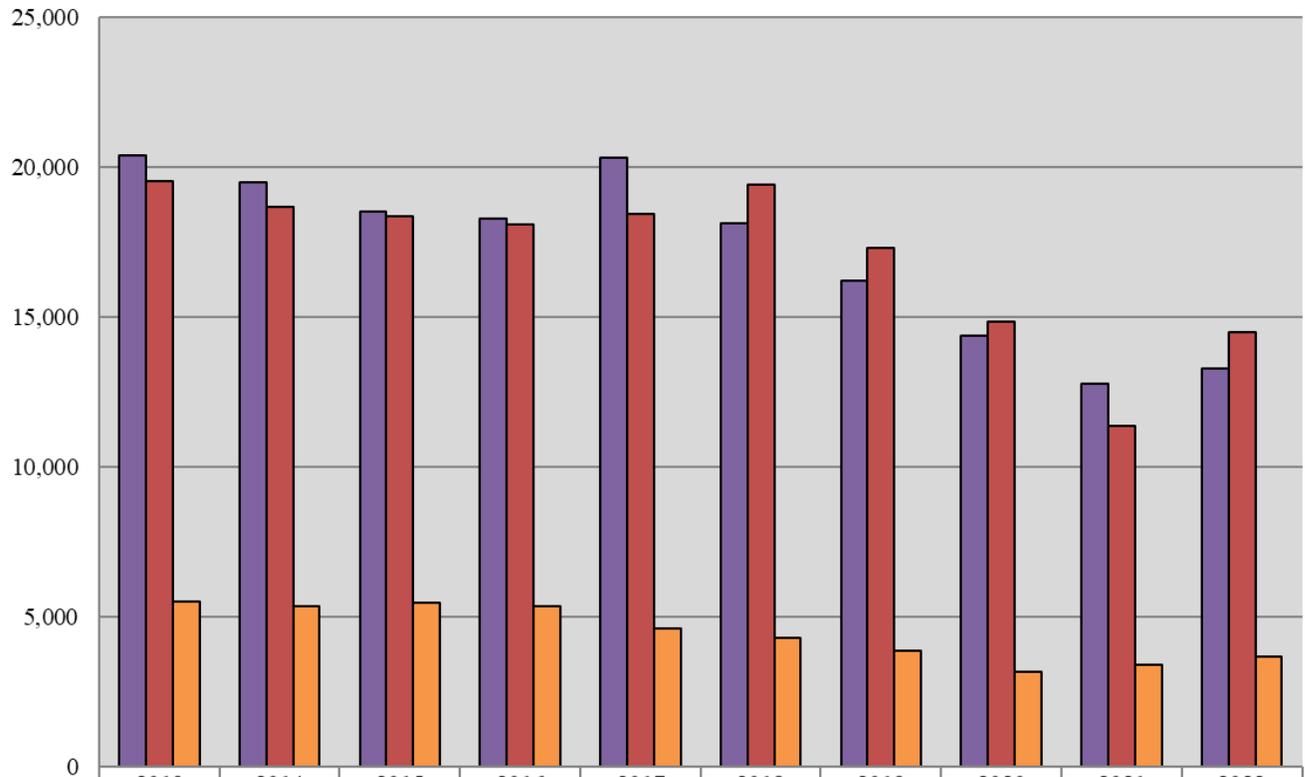
	2021	2022	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,805	8,794	-11	-0.1%
Kent County	1,727	1,843	116	6.7%
Sussex County	2,261	2,672	411	18.2%
State	12,793	13,309	516	4.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2021-2022 - Total Case Dispositions

	2021	2022	Change	% Change
New Castle County	7,879	9,412	1,533	19.5%
Kent County	1,407	2,266	859	61.1%
Sussex County	2,078	2,809	731	35.2%
State	11,364	14,487	3,123	27.5%

Source: Court Administrator, Prothonotary's Offices, and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
■ Filings	20,397	19,504	18,540	18,292	20,315	18,132	16,211	14,375	12,793	13,309
■ Dispositions	19,527	18,663	18,354	18,109	18,447	19,405	17,298	14,834	11,364	14,487
■ VOP Filings	5,520	5,378	5,465	5,358	4,639	4,307	3,865	3,179	3,402	3,673

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